Return of Migrants to Punjab

853. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, following the recent 'Operation Black Thunder' to cleanse the Golden Temple, the refugees from Punjab have begun returning to their homes in Punjab;

(b) if so, how many refugee families have since returned and how many are yet to return and are still remaining in various refugee camps outside Punjab; and

(c) what further steps are being taken to ensure that all the refugees return back to their homes in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Seizure of Charas by Delhi Police

854. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the special staff of Delhi Police intercepted a truck near Moolchand Hospital Crossing in South Delhi on June 13, 1988 and seized 700 kgs. of charas;

(b) whether any well-organised gang engaged in smuggling of narcotics has been smashed as a result of this seizure: if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Five persons were arrested. They are presently in judicial custody. The truck is in court custody as case property.

Visit of Trade Delegation of ASSOCHAM to Federal Republic of Germany

855. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a trade delegation of ASSOCHAM recently visited the Federal Republic of Germany to explore possibilities of joint industrial collaboration and also for increasing bilateral trade and business:

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Final report fo the delegation has not been received.

Involvement of Local Institutions to Raise Farm Forestry

856. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided that at least 70 per cent of the afforestation work should be done in the forest sector so that requirements for both fuel-wood and raw materia for industry can be met;

(b) if so, whether Governmen would seek the help of local institutions like Panchayats and also financia